GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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REDUCTION IN HAJ SUBSIDY
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to reduce the Haj Subsidy;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the amount likely to be saved therefrom;

(d) the total subsidy being given to Haj Pilgrims at present;

(e) whether there is a proposal to entrust the task of ferrying Haj pilgirms to Air India and Indian Airlines instead of going in for chartered operations; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a),(b) & (c): No final view has been taken, so far.
(d) : During 2002, an amount of Rs.168.71 crore was given as subsidy for Haj operations.
(e) and (f) : Air India and Indian Airlines were entrusted the task of ferrying haj pilgrims during Haj-2002 and would also participate during Haj-2003. Apart from this, Saudi Arabian Airlines the designated airline of Saudi Arabia also partcipated during Haj-2002 and would participate for ferrying haj pilgrims during Haj-2003.